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In re Patent Application of:

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For: Cellulose-Hydrate-Containing Food Casing with

Vinylpyrrolidone Polymers

Examiner: O Hern, Brent T.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111)

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006, rejecting claims 1-13 and 15-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.